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separate reports; those signed by Senator Cunningham. Judiciary Committee reports LR 76 back to the Legislature for further consideration; that signed by Senator Bourne. And I have a Judiciary confirmation hearing report, signed by Senator Bourne. And amendments to be printed: Senator Howard to LB 425, Senator Jensen to LB 426. And finally, LR 110, a resolution offered by Senator Foley. That will be laid over, Mr. President. And that's all that I have at this time. (Legislative Journal pages 1455-1458.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. On with discussion on the motion to bracket, Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Brown and eight others. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Chambers, members of the Legislature, I caught the last part of what Senator Synowiecki said, and Senator Beutler and I had just started discussing that before he made his comments. And maybe the idea of extending this to a retail operation had been mentioned by Senator Synowiecki earlier, but I had mentioned to Senator Beutler that if this is really travel and tourism or entertainment and tourism as they're saying, then they ought to get rid of all of the retail. But the fact of the matter, Senator Synowiecki and others, is that the talk of tourism and entertainment are just tack-ons. This is about Cabela's. They're going to mislabel something so that the Legislature can be suckered as it always has been, always will be. Now maybe if I was looking for a job after I got out of the Legislature, I'd be going for some of these things, but I'm not looking for that kind of a job. I'm not looking for any job, in fact, and I'm certainly not going to betray the best interests of the state for this one company. If it is as great and grandiose as everybody says, it could make it on its own. Senator Pedersen talked about a store, Senator Dwite Pedersen, that came to an area he is familiar with. They didn't get all of these handouts from the state. I hear Senator Schrock and others standing up here breathlessly saying, if you don't do this, Council Bluffs is going to do it. Well, let them. If you don't do this, can't ... well, why didn't they go to Council Bluffs in the first place? Why didn't they go to all these other places in the first place? Texas got \$31 million, why don't they go on down to Texas? All of these things that